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Edition #002, the Founder's Stash

Dear Merrymakers,

Welcome to the second edition of fatcork's Founders' Stash allocation. If you've been around for a while, you probably remember our inaugural release back in April when I told you, in painstaking detail, about how the Founder's Stash came to be. If you're new to the Merrymakers club level, welcome! You can catch up on the Founders' Stash origin story [here](#), but the long and short of it is that you're in for a treat. The bottles in my stash are those that Abby and I break out when we're with our closest friends and family. They're "stunners," as I like to say — the best wines ever to hit my lips. And although it smarts a little to let these remarkable bottles go, we're thrilled to offer them as an extra special perk to the members in the Merrymaker tier. Put on your fancy pants; you'll want to pop these beauties for a particularly momentous occasion.

### **Edition #002 of the Founders' Stash:**

Your recent allocation included several of our favorite bottles from Elise Dechannes, but we saved her best for the stash. The highly coveted Absoluè Grès Brut Nature, Absoluè Terre Brut Nature and Chardonnay Brut Nature are new to fatcork and produced in extremely limited quantities. Each is, in its own way, indicative of vigneron Elise Dechannes' elegance and subtle, refined style.

Leaving a successful career in finance behind, Elise returned to Les Riceys in the Côtes de Bar region of Aube to take over her family's Champagne estate in 2008. Known for its pinot noir, the village of Les Riceys is the only wine-growing area in France that can claim three appellations d'origine — AOC Champagne, AOC Rosé de Riceys and AOC Côteaux Champenois. Elise has a deep respect for this rich and revered land. She is a careful steward of her 5-hectare domaine, practicing sustainable farming and completing many of the Champagne-making processes by hand. As a result her cuvées are exceptionally exquisite and an event unto themselves.

#### [ELISE DECHANNES ABSOLUE GRÈS BRUT NATURE - \\$135](#)

BRIGHT. GOLDEN. GENEROUS.

While most of Elise Dechannes' vineyards enjoy southeastern sun exposure on the steep hillsides of Les Riceys, the pinot noir grapes that Elise uses to make this stunning limited-release cuvée come from the old-vine parcel Val Preuse, which is mostly flat. French for "sandstone," Grès achieves its signature freshness through vinification in sandstone amphora. Leave this bottle open as you sip, and notice how the dense plum and citrus flavors change as the Champagne takes in air.

#### [ELISE DECHANNES ABSOLUE TERRE BRUT NATURE - \\$135](#)

COMPLEX. EXPRESSIVE. TRADITIONAL.

Like its sister cuvée, Absolue Grès, Absolue Terre comes from the flat, old-vine parcel Val Preuse in the village of Les Riceys. But vinified in clay (“terre” in French) amphora, Terre exhibits some significant differences; Deep and rich in texture with red apple flavors and underlying salinity, this bottle pairs beautifully with soft French cheese and white fish.

[ELISE DECHANNES CHARDONNAY BRUT NATURE - \\$125](#)

CITRUS. TENSION. FINNESSED.

Elise Dechannes’ village of Les Riceys may be known for its exceptional pinot noir, but this 100 percent chardonnay cuvée is a seductive standout in a sea of red and pink. Delicate layers of juicy citrus and rich buttermilk make this bottle a beautiful counterpoint to Gruyère mac and cheese or a complement to lighter fare like sushi or raw oysters.

Cheers!

Bryan Maletis

Founder of fatcork

PLACING AN ORDER REQUEST:

- These Founders' Stash cuvées are officially available on the fatcork online bottle shop from now through Friday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m. PST or until sold out.
- Fatcork is grateful to have access to these highly coveted cuvées. Please limit requests to 3 bottles per cuvée.
- Orders are first come, first serve and will be honored as each order comes in.
- If you have a standing Founders' Stash order, your bottles have been reserved. Email us separately if you do not wish to receive these cuvées and we will release them to other fellow Merrymakers. If you'd like to reserve a standing order for future Founders' stash offers, reply to this email and let us know!
- Once we receive and process your orders, your Founders' Stash allocation will be available for immediate pick up or shipping during the next temperature-appropriate shipping window.